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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

National Intelligence is that intelligence needed at the highest policy, planning and operational levels of the government, in the formulation, modification, appraisal and execution of national policies, plans, courses of action, and decisions. It shall be produced by the Central Intelligence Agency for the President, the National Security Council and its staff, and for such Governmental departments and agencies as the NSC shall from time to time specifically designate. It shall be produced for all authorized agencies either separately, in connection with their specific responsibilities, or collectively in connection with matters of concern to more than one department or agency. In the production of national intelligence, the CIA should draw upon and review the specialized intelligence production of the departmental intelligence agencies for the purpose of preparing coordinated national intelligence estimates. Neither CIA nor the departmental intelligence agencies should be bound by the concept of collective responsibility in the production of national intelligence because this would inevitably reduce coordinated national intelligence to the lowest common denominator among the agencies concerned.

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